NEBRASKA VITAL RECORDS OFFICE

Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS)

Vital Records is planning to implement **PHASE II** of the Electronic Death Registration System which includes "*Fax Attestation*" on March 11th. Fax Attestation does not change the EDRS for electronic records but provides an alternative method for medical certifiers who may not be using EDRS to complete death certificates. Certifiers' office staff will maintain an assigned Citrix account with login ID and password. Fax attestation eliminates the need for the medical certifier to maintain a login ID and password.

How it works: A system generated worksheet is automatically faxed from the funeral home to the medical certifier. The medical certifier will manually complete the worksheet. Once the medical certifier completes the work sheet, staff will enter the medical data for the death record in the EDRS system. The staff will provide the Fax Attestation form for the medical certifier to review and manually sign. The Fax Attestation form is then faxed to the State and is electronically attached to the data record. The funeral home is informed by an automated email that the certifier has signed the record.

An additional feature of Phase II is <u>automation of communications</u>. Faxes and/or emails will be automatically generated through the EDRS between the Funeral Home, Medical Certifier and the State.

If the Fax Attestation method for electronic death registration would be a better fit with the business flow for your clinic, or you have questions about fax attestation or the automated communications, please contact Jackie Fairbanks with the Vital Records office at (402)471-0919 or email jackie.fairbanks@nebraska.gov.

Further instructions and information will be added to the subscription page at http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/vitalrecords partners death.aspx. If you are not already subscribed to this page, please do so to keep abreast of upcoming changes and additional information.